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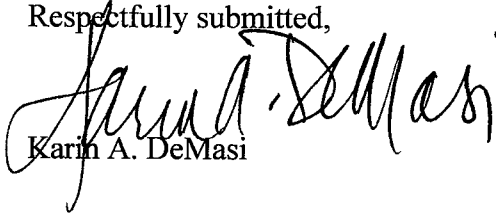
Dear Mr. Walsh:

We write on behalf of all Defendants¹ in the above-captioned action to invoke, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(d)(5), an automatic extension of the April 15, 2013 motion day for the Motion for Leave to Amend filed by Plaintiffs AFA Livförsäkringsaktiebolag; AFA Trygghetsförsäkringsaktiebolag; AFA Sjukförsäkringsaktiebolag on its own behalf and on behalf of Kollektivavtalsstiftelsen Trygghetsfonden TSL; Alecta Pensionsförsäkring, Ömsesidigt; Fjärde AP-Fonden; Sjunde AP-Fonden; Danske Invest Administration A/S; Swedbank Robur AB; AMF Pension Fondförvaltning AB; Arbetsmarknadsförsäkringar Pensionsförsäkringsaktiebolag; Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB on its own behalf and on behalf of SEB Investment Management AB, SEB Asset Management S.A., and Gamla Livförsäkringsaktiebolag SEB Trygg Liv (collectively, "the AFA Plaintiffs"). (See ECF No. 488.) The new motion day for the motion shall be May 6, 2013. Accordingly, Defendants' opposition(s) to the AFA Plaintiffs' motion shall now be due on or before April 22, 2013. The AFA Plaintiffs' reply papers, if any, shall now be due on or before April 29, 2013. This letter is being filed before the date on which Defendants' opposition(s) would otherwise be due under Local Rule 7.1(d)(2). No previous extension has been requested or obtained in connection with this motion.

¹ Defendant Dr. Edward M. Scolnick, who is separately represented, joins in this letter.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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